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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Clement B Graham

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title. Claims 1-6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The basis of this rejection is set forth in a two prong test of:

- (1) whether the invention is within the technological arts; and
- (2) whether the invention produces a useful, concrete and tangible result.

For a claimed invention to be statutory, the claimed invention must be within the technological arts. Mere ideas in the abstract (i.e., abstract idea, law of nature, natural phenomena) that do not apply, involve, use or advance the technological arts fail to promote the "progress of science and the useful arts" (i.e., the physical sciences as opposed to social sciences, for example) are found to be non-statutory subject matter. For a process claim to pass muster, the recited process must somehow apply, involve, use, or advance the technological arts. In the present case, claims 1-6, do not recite any structure or functionality to suggest that a computer performs the recited claims. Thus, claims 1-6, are rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant's is advised to embed a computer in the body of the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
3. Claim 1-6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. Claim 1-6 is rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claims are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or

operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claims) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patents) cited.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

6. Claims 1-6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsagarakis et al(Hereinafter Tsagarakis U.S Pub: 2002/0087455 A1.

As per claim 1, Tsagarakis discloses a divisible financial instrument - a Securities Ticket, associated with a particular type of holding - a security or a currency, which represents a particular "transformation in a progress" of this holding initiated by an issuer of this type of holding, for example as securities split, currency conversion, dividend payment, etc (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057) is granted to a holder of this holding before the end of the process of transformation serves as a record used to finalize the transformation participates in the trade of this holding as a representative of the state of this holding after this transformation. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062 and column11 paragraph 0075).

As per claim 2, Tsagarakis discloses a Conversion Securities Ticket, which is associated with security or currency conversion, and which is split, as the associated with it holding is split when a part of the holding is transferred, and transferred together with that part of the holding; it carries information about the type of holding, which is a subject of transformation, and about the moment and the kind of this transformation. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062).

As per claim 3, Tsagarakis discloses a Dividend Securities Ticket, which is associated with adding of holdings on the basis of a qualified historical record of an Account, where this holding is recorded, for example with a dividend or an interest payment, and which can be split (subject to limitations of such split) and transferred separately, for example as a part of a trade; it carries information about the qualified historical record, types and amounts of additional holdings due in the end of the transformation at the moment of this transformation. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062 and column 11 paragraph 0075).

As per claim 4, Tsagarakis discloses where securities or currency holding is represented as records in Accounts there are software modules - Tickets Managers, each managing its group of Accounts by granting Securities Tickets, performing their splits and aggregation and finalizing the transformation there is a First Notification sent to Ticket Managers preceding a Securities Ticket granting and a Second Notification sent to Ticket Managers preceding a final holding transformation. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062 and column 11 paragraph 0075).

As per claim 5, Tsagarakis discloses where there is a special entity, which facilitates a delivery of a new version of a converted holding or a dividend or an interest payment participates in creation of Securities Tickets, created as original Securities Tickets or as a result of Securities Tickets splits or a result of Securities Tickets aggregation. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062 and column 11 paragraph 0075).

As per claim 6, Tsagarakis discloses where each Securities Ticket is cryptographically signed by this entity. (see column 7 paragraph 0055-0057 and column 9 paragraph 0062 and column 11 paragraph 0075).

Conclusion

7. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicants disclosure.

Tsakanikas (US Patent 5, 570, 465 teaches apparatus method and system for printing of legal currency and negotiable instruments.

Jones (US Patent 5, 778, 067) teaches value transfer system.

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Jones (US Patent 5, 623, 547) teaches value transfer system.

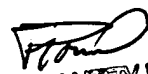
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clement B Graham whose telephone number is 703-305-1874. The examiner can normally be reached on 7am to 5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 703-308-0505. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-0040 for regular communications and 703-305-0040 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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